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In re Application of:

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) Group Art Unit: 2811

Serial No: 09/972,855

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In the Restriction Requirement dated August 1, 2002, with a period for response extending through September 3, 2002 (September 1, 2002 being a Sunday and September 2 being a Federal holiday), the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following Examiner-designated groups:

Embodiment 1 of Figure 1

Embodiment 2 of Figure 2

Embodiment 3 of Figure 3

Embodiment 4 of Figure 4

Embodiment 5 of Figure 5

Embodiment 6 of Figure 6

Embodiment 7 of Figure 7

Embodiment 8 of Figure 8

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Embodiment 9 of Figure 9  
Embodiment 10 of Figure 10  
Embodiment 11 of Figure 11  
Embodiment 12 of Figure 12  
Embodiment 13 of Figure 13  
Embodiment 14 of Figure 14  
Embodiment 15 of Figure 15  
Embodiment 16 of Figure 16  
Embodiment 17 of Figure 17  
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Embodiment 19 of Figure 19  
Embodiment 20 of Figure 20  
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Embodiment 22 of Figure 22  
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Embodiment 24 of Figure 24  
Embodiment 25 of Figure 25  
Embodiment 26 of Figure 26  
Embodiment 27 of Figure 27  
Embodiment 28 of Figure 28

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Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, to prosecute the group characterized by the Examiner as "Embodiment 24 of Figure 24." Claims 3, 12, 13, 19 and 20 are readable on the elected species.


The Examiner alleges the present application includes 28 patentably distinct species. Applicant, however, submits that even if the Examiner has correctly identified "independent or distinct inventions" within the application, the restriction requirement is improper because "the search and examination of [the] entire application can be made without serious burden." MPEP § 803

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